GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1633
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2000
THREAT TO WESTERN GHATS
S. BANGARAPPA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Ghats straddling Kerala and Karnataka is one of the most environmentally threatened area of the world;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a), (b) & (c) A statement is annexed.

STATEMENTIN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1633 FOR 6-3-2000 REGARDING THREA WESTERN GHATS

Western Ghats Ranges are unique and distinct in their geology, topography, climate, ecology, vegetation, bio-diversity and endemism and have been considered ecologically fragile and sensitive. A separate Western Ghat Development Programme was launched by the Government of India from the beginning of the Fifth Five Year Plan.The main objectives of this programme are Eco-preservation, Eco-restoration and Eco-development. The allocation of special Central assistance made to the State Governments under Western Ghats Development Programme for the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan are as under: -

(UNITS IN RS. LAKHS)

State	Allocation		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Maharashtra	1517.00	1911.00	2097.00
Karnataka	1122.00	1413.00	1551.00
Kerala	946.00	1191.00	1308.00
Tamilnadu	791.00	997.00	1094.00
Goa	232.00	295.00	320.00
Total	4608.00	5807.00	6370.00